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Subject: Grenada

Stephen,

When we talked after the last Community meeting in Grenada, I asked you specifically about the rumors in the Eastern Heights Subdivision that EPA folks are saying that the agency is going to relocate, or force the relocation of, everybody in that area because of health threats directly linked to either onsite conditions, offsite conditions, or both, at the Ice facility in Grenada. You specifically told me that y'all haven't told anybody anything like that. Well, to show you, again, that this rumor isn't rumor at all – it's being spread as fact – here's an excerpt from an email message I got earlier this evening from an attorney friend in Grenada:

“Jimmy,

My associate had a client conference today with a woman who was inheriting a house in Eastern Heights. Hers was an estate/title issue and when asked her intentions she said she was not concerned long term, because "somebody was going to buy all those houses before the end of the year"....."Bennie Thompson has been out there and everybody is getting together because of the environmental pollution - Eastern Heights is on the internet."

If, as you said, EPA really is pushing back on the “guaranteed relocation” proposition, there's absolutely NO evidence of that pushback in Grenada chatter, and if the rumors of a major media blitz about all of this sometime in the next few days is accurate, you can just bet that somebody could shine the spotlight on EPA about this very “promise.” So, since I know from years of hard-learned experience that nobody from the Region is going to stand before a camera or a microphone and flat-out squelch these rumors – without a hint of hesitation or equivocation – I recommend that y'all think about preparing your best B.S. artist to handle your response, if you get called out. And, even if this doesn't happen, rest assured that this issue will be brought up when we get together on the 18th.

Jimmy